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I. **INTRODUCTION**

The Trustee attempts to avoid responsibility for his failure to pay post-petition ad velorem real property taxes by opposing the relief sought herein. First, the Trustee claims the Debtors have no ownership interest in the subject real properties, despite statements directly to the contrary in the Debtors' schedules. If Trustee's claims are accurate, a comfort order by this Court is appropriate, setting forth that the subject real properties are not owned by the estates, the automatic stay is inapplicable and that the Los Angeles County Tax Collector ("County") is entitled to pursue state court remedies regarding the collection of the ad valorem taxes, penalties and interest. If the Court makes the initial determination and the subject real properties are, in fact, the assets of the Debtors' estate, then it will be necessary for this Court to consider the appropriate relief sought herein by the County.

Second, several of the subject real properties have tax defaulted since 2006 and may be subject to a tax sale in 2011.

Third, as a result of the Trustee's failure to pay post-petition ad valorem real property taxes on the subject real properties, the County has established grounds for this Court to either dismiss the related bankruptcy cases or grant the County relief from stay to pursue all of its state court enforcement / collection remedies.

TRUSTEE'S CLAIM THAT DEBTORS DO NOT HAVE AN OWNERSHIP II. INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTIES IS DIRECTLY CONTRADICTED BY DEBTORS' OWN SCHEDULES FILED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BANKRUPTCY

The Trustee claims in his Opposition that:

"...neither the Trustee nor the bankruptcy estates own the properties at issue. The bankruptcy estate holds a Direct Lender interest in these properties, and is a secured creditor with security interests in the properties – just like the L.A. Tax Collector. The Trustee is not the party responsible for making the delinquent tax payments, and thus the statutory provisions rotely recited by the L.A. Tax Collector are largely irrelevant." Opposition, p. 2, lines 22-26.

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The Debtors' Schedules, filed in connection with this bankruptcy, directly contradict the Trustee's claims. Specifically, Schedule "A" [Real Property] contains a chart (Schedule A-1-1 Real Property (ARC)) identifying a series of real properties. One of the columns in Schedule A-1-1 is entitled "Nature of Debtor's Interest in Property." With respect to the two real properties at issue here (Castaic II and Castaic III), "Nature of Debtor's Interest in Property column in Schedule A-1-1 lists the following: "1.60% fee simple and 7.59% fee simple." [See Declaration of Barry S. Glaser attached hereto, Ex. "1"]. Thus, contrary to Trustee's claims in his Opposition, the Debtors do appear to claim a fee simple interest in the subject real properties and are not merely secured creditors as the Trustee claims. Furthermore, the Debtors identified the Los Angeles County Treasurer as a Creditor in Schedule "F." (The County should have been listed as a secured creditor).

However, despite the Schedules, if the Court agrees with the Trustee that Debtors have no ownership interest in the subject real properties, the County respectfully seeks a comfort order confirming that Debtors have no interest in the subject real properties, that the automatic stay is inapplicable to the subject properties, and that the Los Angeles County Tax Collector is free to seek all applicable state court remedies to enforce its tax liens against the subject real properties.

III. SEVERAL OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN IN DEFAULT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY TAXES SINCE TAX YEAR 2005 AND ARE SUBJECT TO A TAX SALE IN 2011

Exhibit "D" to the Declaration of Barry S. Glaser in support of the instant motion attaches the tax bills for the subject real properties. Ignoring the Castaic properties, several of the subject real properties (i.e. Castaic II and Castaic III) were tax defaulted in 2006 for unpaid *ad valorem* taxes from 2005. Thus, the County could conduct a tax sale

of these properties in 2011. As such, and contrary to the Trustee's position in the Opposition, this issue is ripe for decision now.

IV. THE COURT SHOULD GRANT RELIEF FROM STAY SO THAT THE COUNTY CAN PURSUE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ITS TAX LIENS UNDER APPLICABLE STATE LAW

If it is true that, as the Trustee contends in his Opposition, but contrary to the Debtors' schedules, that the Debtors have no ownership interest in the subject properties, then the subject properties are not necessary for the liquidation of the Debtors' assets and distribution to creditors and relief should be granted.

Here, contrary to the Trustee's contention, the County is not relying on Section 362(b)(18) to collect property taxes or foreclose upon the subject properties and the County does not dispute that such liens have been created post-petition. What is required to obtain the relief sought is simply sufficient "cause" in the circumstances of this case. Courts have construed the failure to pay post-petition taxes, by itself, can constitute cause under Section 362(d)(1). See Ellis v. Par (In re: Ellis), 60 B.R. 432, 435 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995). As such, relief from stay should be granted.

V. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR HAS GOOD CAUSE TO DISMISS THE BANKRUPTCY AS A RESULT OF THE TRUSTEE'S FAILURE TO PAY POST PETITION PROPERTY TAXES

The Trustee goes on, at length, to allege that the Los Angeles County Tax

Collector is attempting to convince this Court to favor one creditor over the others, but
the fact remains that the Trustee has an affirmative duty to pay post-petition property tax
obligations of the Debtors in the ordinary course of business. The consequences of the
Trustee's failure to pay such post-petition property taxes are not contemplated by the
Bankruptcy Code in a Chapter 7 proceeding, nor in any of the authorities cited by the
Trustee in his Opposition to allegedly address the first element of the two part test in In re
Padilla, 222 F.3d 1184, 1191 (9th Cir. 2000).

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The County's asserted cause for seeking dismissal of the Debtor's bankruptcy case is not about bankruptcy priority, or any attempt by the County to seek to reorder payment priority. The Trustee's reliance on the priority scheme and Section 507 is irrelevant and is merely an attempt to confuse the Court.

Similarly, the Trustee's reliance on Section 502(i) is also misleading because that statute deals specifically with a tax entitled to priority under Section 507(a)(8), which is an <u>unsecured</u> priority claim. Thus, the County's secured claim does not fall within Section 507(a)(8) and Section 502(i) is likewise irrelevant.

VI. THE TRUSTEE'S PREJUDICE ARGUMENT IS UNPERSUASIVE

The Trustee argues in his Opposition that if the bankruptcy case is dismissed, there would be prejudice, citing as examples, a "torrent" of foreclosures and forced sales. The court in the case of <u>In re Hickman</u>, 384 B.R. 832, 841 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2008), cited by the Trustee in his Opposition, recognized that:

"A debtor invoking the protection of the Bankruptcy Code must shoulder the responsibilities attendant to this protection, including accounting for assets and completing schedules in good faith, and may not engage in questionable or fraudulent conduct and then expect to have the case dismissed once such conduct is discovered." <u>Id</u>. at 841.

Similarly, the Trustee in the instant case may not refuse to pay post-petition property taxes, as it is obligated to do pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §960, and then attempt to avoid responsibility for his conduct by claiming prejudice.

VII. CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, the Los Angeles County Tax Collector respectfully requests that the Court grant the relief requested in its Motion.

Dated: December 9, 2010

STECKBAUER WEINHART JAFFE, LLP

By: /s/ Barry S. Glaser

Barry S. Glaser James M. Gilbert

Attorneys for the Los Angeles County Tax Collector

DECLARATION OF BARRY S. GLASER

I, Barry S. Glaser, declare:

- I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court on a pro hac vice basis. I am a partner with law firm of Steckbauer Weinhart Jaffe, LLP, attorneys of record for the Los Angeles County Tax Collector (the "County"). I submit this Declaration in support of the Reply to the Opposition to the Motion to (1) Dismiss Debtor's Bankruptcy Case Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 707(a); or in the alternative, (2) for Relief from the Automatic Stay Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(b)(18) (the "Motion"). If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to all set forth herein facts within my personal knowledge except where stated upon information and belief.
- 2. For the Court's convenience, attached hereto as Exhibit "1" is a true and correct copy of the first three (3) pages Debtors' Summary of Schedules, Schedule A Real Property and Schedule A-1-1 Real Property (ARC) which Debtors filed in this bankruptcy while it was pending in the Southern District of New York. On Schedule A-1-1, I handwrote brackets around the two relevant sections in Schedule A-1-1 by which Debtors stated they held a fee simple interest in the subject real properties.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed December 9, 2010, at Los Angeles, California.

<u>/s/ Barry S. Glaser</u> Barry S. Glaser

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United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York

In re	Asset Resolution LLC			Case No	09-16142	(AJG)	
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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULES

Indicate as to each schedule whether that schedule is attached and state the number of pages in each. Report the totals from Schedules A, B, D, E, F, I, and J in the boxes provided. Add the amounts from Schedules A and B to determine the total amount of the debtor's assets. Add the amounts of all claims from Schedules D, E, and F to determine the total amount of the debtor's liabilities. Individual debtors must also complete the "Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data" if they file a case under chapter 7, 11, or 13.

NAME OF SCHEDULE	ATTACHED (YES/NO)	NO. OF SHEETS	ASSETS	LIABILITIES	OTHER
A - Real Property	Yes	1	10,641,166.25		
B - Personal Property	Yes	4	412,856,836.70		
C - Property Claimed as Exempt	No	0			
D - Creditors Holding Secured Claims	Yes	1		0.00	
E - Creditors Holding Unsecured Priority Claims (Total of Claims on Schedule B)	Yes	1	ender in Kolonia spechaars na oppravis se en	0.00	
F - Creditors Holding Unsecured Nonpriority Claims	Yes	379		22,642,531.77	a ir salas i galaini ya kalen Galaini dha wan is sa MBC
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J - Current Expenditures of Individual Debtor(s)	No	0			N/A
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SCHEDULE A - REAL PROPERTY

Except as directed below, list all real property in which the debtor has any legal, equitable, or future interest, including all property owned as a cotenant, community property, or in which the debtor has a life estate. Include any property in which the debtor holds rights and powers exercisable for the debtor's own benefit. If the debtor is married, state whether husband, wife, both, or the marital community own the property by placing an "H," "W," "J," or "C" in the column labeled "Husband, Wife, Joint, or Community." If the debtor holds no interest in real property, write "None" under "Description and Location of Property."

Do not include interests in executory contracts and unexpired leases on this schedule. List them in Schedule G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

If an entity claims to have a lien or hold a secured interest in any property, state the amount of the secured claim. See Schedule D. If no entity claims to hold a secured interest in the property, write "None" in the column labeled "Amount of Secured Claim." If the debtor is an individual or if a joint petition is filed, state the amount of any exemption claimed in the property only in Schedule C - Property Claimed as Exempt.

See Attached Schedules A-1-1		_	10.641,166.25	0.00
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